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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1153
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the 2002 Honorees of
the Trenton Historical Rosenwald School's
Alumni Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those citizens who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life
for their fellow Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2002, the Alumni Association of the Trenton Historical Rosenwald
School will honor its noteworthy achievers for the year at its Appreciation and Awards Banquet,
"Celebrating Rosenwald Heritage/Legacy, Accomplishments and Achievements"; and

WHEREAS, the event, which coincides with the Alumni Association's Twenty-Second
Inception Anniversary, will be held at Trenton's Rosenwald Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Norman Buchanan, United States Air Force, Retired, will serve as
the Keynote Speaker; a graduate of Tennessee State University and the University of Southern
California, Colonel Buchanan holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in
Electrical Engineering; and

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WHEREAS, the 2002 recipients of the Alumni Association's Honor Awards include Mrs. Elizabeth "Betty" Danner, the Honorable George Wade, Postmaster Mrs. Virgie Porter-Thomas, Mrs. Nelcie Moore-Ramsey, Charles Marshall Booker, Leon Holder, Mary N. Willis-Fayne, and Colonel Norman Buchanan; and

WHEREAS, for more than sixty years of distinguished leadership in civic, community, and church organizations, Mrs. Betty Danner is the recipient of the Community/Church Award; at the age of eighty-five, she is currently active with the Alumni Association and Church committees; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable George Wade is the recipient of the Business and Governmental Award for his long-time service as a Trenton City Councilman (Alderman) and the Chair of the Church Trustee Board; for the past twenty years, he has diligently served as the Alumni Association's official Vice President and Treasurer, while pursuing his career as an entrepreneur and business owner and operator; and

WHEREAS, Postmaster of Trenton's United States Post Office, Mrs. Virgie Porter-Thomas, is the recipient of the Public Service Award for her devoted service as a Postal Carrier, Supervisor of Carriers, Branch Manager, and Postmaster; in addition to her work as a civil servant, Mrs. Porter-Thomas is active in community and civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award, Mrs. Nelcie Moore-Ramsey has served the Trenton area with the utmost integrity and probity for over forty-two years as a Public School Teacher and leader in several educational associations; she is also active in numerous community, civic, and church activities; and

WHEREAS, Charles Marshall Booker is the recipient of the Lifetime Educational and Excellence in School District Administration Award for his forty-four years of dedicated service as a Public School Teacher, Principal, and School District Administrator; he also serves in community and civic leadership capacities; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of the Alumnus of the Year Award, Leon Holder has astutely served the Alumni Association as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Committee Chair for over twenty years; in addition, he generously assists and supports youth scholarships and actively participates in community and political affairs; and

WHEREAS, for ably serving as Director of the Elderly Care Provider Agency and as a political and community activist for the socio-economically disadvantaged for over twenty-five years, Mary N. Willis-Fayne is the recipient of the Woman of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Norman Buchanan is the recipient of the Man of the Year Award in recognition of his exemplary tenure of thirty-seven years as an Officer in the United States Air Force, including his distinguished service in the Korea and Vietnam conflicts; a former Director of the Aerospace Corporation, he currently serves with acumen and alacrity as a Senior Executive Consultant Engineer in the Washington, D.C. area; and

WHEREAS, each recipient of the Alumni Association's Honor Awards is wholly committed to the noble precepts that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State" and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the deserving recipients of the Trenton Historical Rosenwald School's Alumni Association's Honor Awards for their dedication and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and join in celebrating their receipt of these prestigious awards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.